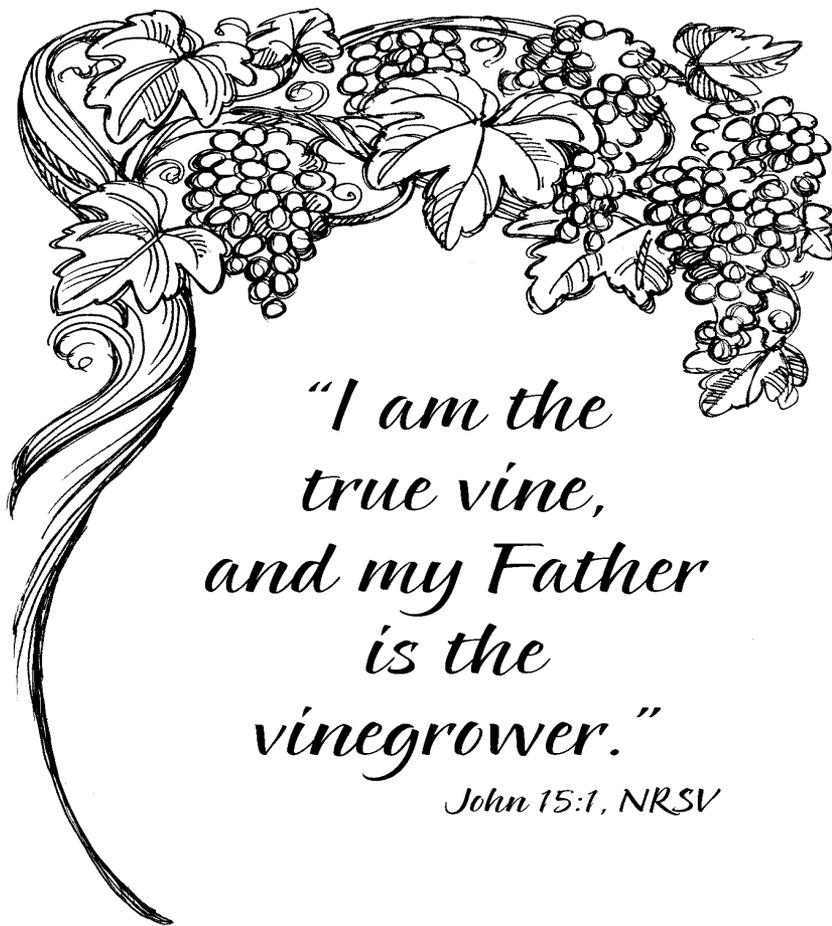


# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



*"I am the  
true vine,  
and my Father  
is the  
vinegrower."*

*John 15:1, NRSV*

## **The Fifth Sunday in Easter**

May 6, 2012

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

## Prelude

(8:15)

**“Toccata in E Minor” by Johann Pachelbel**

(10:45)

**“Anthem” by Kevin McChesney**

Grace Bells

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

**“God is Here”**

**#526**

Verses 1: All, 2: Men, 3: Women, 4: All

## Greeting

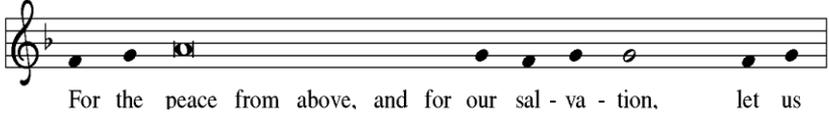
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

## Kyrie



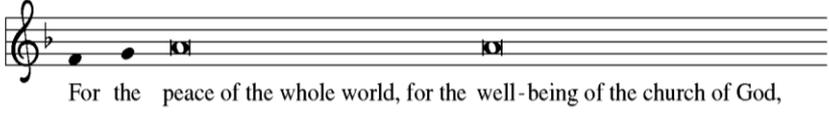
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



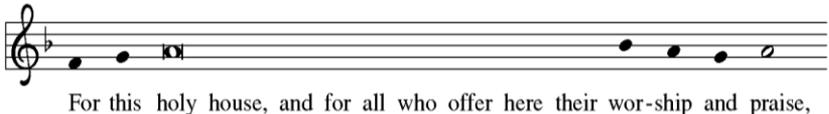
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Musical notation for the first part of the Canticle of Praise, consisting of five staves. The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his." The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath.

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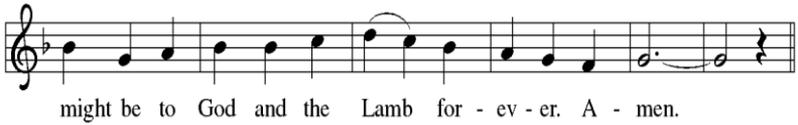
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*Refrain*

Musical notation for the second part of the Canticle of Praise, consisting of four staves. The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and". The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

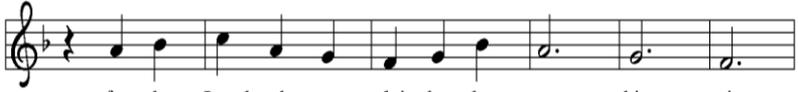
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might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.*

### First Lesson:

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up

### Primera lectura:

<sup>26</sup> Un ángel del Señor le dijo a Felipe: «Ponte en marcha hacia el sur, por el camino del desierto que baja de Jerusalén a Gaza.» <sup>27</sup> Felipe emprendió el viaje, y resulta que se

and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of

encontró con un etíope \*eunuco, alto funcionario encargado de todo el tesoro de la Candace, reina de los etíopes. Éste había ido a Jerusalén para adorar<sup>28</sup> y, en el viaje de regreso a su país, iba sentado en su carro, leyendo el libro del profeta Isaías.<sup>29</sup> El Espíritu le dijo a Felipe: «Acércate y júntate a ese carro.»<sup>30</sup> Felipe se acercó de prisa al carro y, al oír que el hombre leía al profeta Isaías, le preguntó: —¿Acaso entiende usted lo que está leyendo?<sup>31</sup> —¿Y cómo voy a entenderlo — contestó— si nadie me lo explica? Así que invitó a Felipe a subir y sentarse con él.<sup>32</sup> El pasaje de la Escritura que estaba leyendo era el siguiente: «Como oveja, fue llevado al matadero; y como cordero que enmudece ante su trasquilador, ni siquiera abrió su boca. <sup>33</sup> Lo humillaron y no le hicieron justicia. ¿Quién describirá su descendencia? Porque su vida fue arrancada de la tierra.»<sup>[a]</sup><sup>34</sup> — Dígame usted, por favor, ¿de quién habla aquí el profeta, de sí mismo o de algún otro? —le preguntó el eunuco a Felipe. <sup>35</sup> Entonces Felipe, comenzando con ese mismo pasaje de la Escritura, le anunció las buenas \*nuevas acerca de Jesús. <sup>36</sup> Mientras iban por el camino, llegaron a un lugar donde había agua, y dijo el eunuco: — Mire usted, aquí hay agua. ¿Qué impide que yo sea bautizado?<sup>[b]</sup><sup>38</sup> Entonces mandó parar el carro, y

them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

ambos bajaron al agua, y Felipe lo bautizó.<sup>39</sup> Cuando subieron del agua, el Espíritu del Señor se llevó de repente a Felipe. El eunuco no volvió a verlo, pero siguió alegre su camino.<sup>40</sup> En cuanto a Felipe, apareció en Azoto, y se fue predicando el \*evangelio en todos los pueblos hasta que llegó a Cesarea.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**Psalms: Psalm 22:25-31**

R: All the ends of the earth shall re -  
mem-ber and turn to the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations. R**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; all who  
go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the  
LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, whom they shall  
proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

## Anthem

(8:15)

“Anthem”  
Grace Bells

by Kevin McChesney

(10:45)

“I am the Vine”

Paul D. Weber

Chancel Choir, Rich Snyder on piano

Congregation will sing the refrain with the choir as directed

**Refrain:**

A - bide in me as I a - bide in  
you. A - bide in me as I a - bide in you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'A - bide in me as I a - bide in' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'you. A - bide in me as I a - bide in you.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

## Children’s Sermon

### Second Reading: 1 John 4:7–21

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

### Second Lesson:

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one

### Segundo Lectura:

<sup>7</sup> Queridos hermanos, amémonos los unos a los otros, porque el amor viene de Dios, y todo el que ama ha nacido de él y lo conoce. <sup>8</sup> El que no ama no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. <sup>9</sup> Así manifestó Dios su amor entre nosotros: en que envió a su Hijo unigénito al mundo para que vivamos por medio de él. <sup>10</sup> En esto consiste el amor: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo para que fuera ofrecido como sacrificio por el perdón de <sup>[a]</sup>

another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

nuestros pecados.<sup>11</sup> Queridos hermanos, ya que Dios nos ha amado así, también nosotros debemos amarnos los unos a los otros.<sup>12</sup> Nadie ha visto jamás a Dios, pero si nos amamos los unos a los otros, Dios permanece entre nosotros, y entre nosotros su amor se ha manifestado plenamente.<sup>13</sup> ¿Cómo sabemos que permanecemos en él, y que él permanece en nosotros? Porque nos ha dado de su Espíritu.<sup>14</sup> Y nosotros hemos visto y declaramos que el Padre envió a su Hijo para ser el Salvador del mundo.<sup>15</sup> Si alguien reconoce que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, Dios permanece en él, y él en Dios.<sup>16</sup> Y nosotros hemos llegado a saber y creer que Dios nos ama. Dios es amor. El que permanece en amor, permanece en Dios, y Dios en él.<sup>17</sup> Ese amor se manifiesta plenamente entre nosotros para que en el día del juicio comparezcamos con toda confianza, porque en este mundo hemos vivido como vivió Jesús. En el amor no hay temor,<sup>18</sup> sino que el amor \*perfecto echa fuera el temor. El que teme espera el castigo, así que no ha sido perfeccionado en el amor.<sup>19</sup> Nosotros amamos a Dios porque él nos amó primero.<sup>20</sup> Si alguien afirma: «Yo amo a Dios», pero odia a su hermano, es un mentiroso; pues el que no ama a su hermano, a quien ha visto, no puede amar a Dios, a quien no ha

visto.<sup>21</sup> Y él nos ha dado este mandamiento: el que ama a Dios, ame también a su hermano.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 C: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

L: I am the vine, you<sup>1</sup> are the branches.\* Those who abide in me and I in them<sup>1</sup> bear much fruit. (*John 15:5*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fifteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.*

**Gospel**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch

**el Evangelio**

<sup>1</sup> »Yo soy la vid verdadera, y mi Padre es el labrador. <sup>2</sup> Toda rama que en mí no da fruto, la corta; pero toda rama que da fruto la poda para que dé más fruto todavía. <sup>3</sup> Ustedes ya están limpios por la palabra que les he comunicado. <sup>4</sup> Permanezcan en mí, y yo permaneceré en ustedes. Así

cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

como ninguna rama puede dar fruto por sí misma, sino que tiene que permanecer en la vid, así tampoco ustedes pueden dar fruto si no permanecen en mí. <sup>5</sup> »Yo soy la vid y ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí, como yo en él, dará mucho fruto; separados de mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada. <sup>6</sup> El que no permanece en mí es desechado y se seca, como las ramas que se recogen, se arrojan al fuego y se queman. <sup>7</sup> Si permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran, y se les concederá. <sup>8</sup> Mi Padre es glorificado cuando ustedes dan mucho fruto y muestran así que son mis discípulos.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day “Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367**

(10:45 only) Verses 1 & 2: All, 3: Chancel Choir, 4: All

**Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.  
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send  
us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

### **Announcements**

### **The Offering**

**Offertory**      **“I Need Thee Every Hour by Robert Lowry”**  
arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table of the risen Christ.

*Please be seated*

## **Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



## Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If you don't see anyone in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.

**If you are not able to come forward to take communion**, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastors will commune you in your pew.

**Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing.

**When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).

**When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.

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**In our prayers:** Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Tom Russell, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, the family of Shirley Hummel (Linda Gronert's mother) and the others we name before you...



**Flowers on the altar** are to the glory of God given by Frances Best in honor of family and in memory of loved ones.

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate this Sunday, and every first Sunday, are for Hunger.

A **Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

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### Education Opportunities

**Sunday School classes** and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

#### Adult Forum

- May 6** – Open Fellowship – GHI
  - Preschool Parent/child class
- May 13** – Gideon International, Jack Britton and Kevin Schnoebellen presenting – GHI
  - 1 John Bible Study, Final meeting - Esperanza café
  - May 6 - Preschool Parent/child class

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall or Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Cafe. Pastor Mike leads this study. *If there is anyone who needs a ride on Tuesday mornings, please call the church office for the names of volunteers drivers.*



#### Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Vernon Fanning, Michael Newell, Jacqueline Wangerin, Dylan Rutter, Ardis Olson, Karla Swanson, James Merkwon, Daniel Dinnauer, Hannah Honsey, Regan Nelson, Donna Kennebeck, Claire Kallestad, Jeffrey Farrell, Jeffrey Rudisill, Charlotte Nielsen

**Happy Anniversary to:** Mark and Annette Taylor, Justin and Carolyn Andersen, Jon and Cherie Rissman, Carter and Carol Woodruff





**You are invited to hear Grace Brass perform** on Sunday May 6 in Grace Hall. A light supper will be served at 5:00, prior to the program. Come and enjoy! Sponsored by Senior Members.

**Garage sale: a HUGE THANK YOU** to all who donated, set up tables, sorted items and plant orders, manned the tables, baked goodies, donated perennials, shopped, helped customers, served food, packed up and cleaned up after... You are very much appreciated. We could not have done it without you!

### **Cottage Meetings!**

So, what IS a Cottage Meeting? We're glad you asked! It is an opportunity to gather together and talk about what is or isn't happening here at Grace. Whether you are someone who has ideas about things that could be done, or someone who has a passion for doing things and in need of ideas, this is an event for you! We will be gathering on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m. These meetings will be the same in format, but will contain different discussions based on who is present. The hope is to get a brainstorm of ministry possibilities and connect like minded people for such ministry. It should prove to be a good time. See you there!

**The Ascension Day Service** is on Thursday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Brunch at 11:00 am. Martha Circle will be taking reservations for the Brunch on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The offering will go to the DMARCC Food Pantry. Members and guests welcome!

**VBS Snack donations:** VBS plans are underway, and snack donations are being requested to help keep our costs down. If you can help with this, please sign up on the donation lists in the Gathering Hall. Thank you!



**High school graduation:** Just a reminder that high school graduation recognition day is coming up on May 13.

Please remember to RSVP and submit your 3-5 sentence bio (about 60 words) to [stephaniejohnson@q.com](mailto:stephaniejohnson@q.com) by Monday, May 7. Congratulations to all grads!



The next New Member Class will meet on May 13, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

## **This Week at Grace**

### **SUNDAY, May 6**

- 8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass
- 9:30 a.m. – Grace Women’s Board
- 9:30 a.m. – Preschool Parent/Grandparent/Child Class
- 9:30 a.m. – Youth Director Search Committee – Cafe
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. – LSI Donor Appreciation and lunch
- 5:00 p.m. – Senior Members Meeting and Grace Brass Performance

### **MONDAY, May 7**

- 10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

### **TUESDAY, May 8**

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. – Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. – Bible Study in Esperanza Café
- 6:00 p.m. – Tops
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cottage Meetings

### **WEDNESDAY, May 9**

- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 – 5:55 p.m. – Chapel Chimers
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells
- 7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, May 10**

- 9:00 a.m. – Quilters
- 1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cottage Meetings

### **FRIDAY, May 11**

- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Daycare Teacher Appreciation and Luncheon

### **SATURDAY, May 12**

- 8:00 – 4:00 a.m. – Making the Covenant Class

### **SUNDAY, May 13, Mothers’ Day**

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass,  
9:30 a.m. – Final 1 John Bible Study – Esperanza Cafe  
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – New Member Class – Gathering Hall

### **Welcome to Grace!**

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Ensemble Director** – Sherry Kocek

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jackie Holmes

**Building/Grounds** - Luis Reaza

**Receptionist** - Diana Johnson

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Ushers**

8:15 – Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin Drury

10:15 – Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

**Liturgist** 8:15 – Alex Davik 10:45 – Janet Habick

**Lector** 8:15 – Ro Zimany 10:45 – Joanne Johnson

**Children’s Sermon:** Pastor Mike

**Communion servers**

8:15 – Ashley Lund, Ardis Schmelzer, Kate Schaller, Jane Ridnour

**Acolytes** – 8:15 – Paul Weaver, Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 – Devin Ashton

**Altar Guild** – Michelle Voelker, Cindy Peeler, Gail Peterson

**Counters** – 8:15 Not available at time of printing

10:45 - Not available at time of printing

**Coffee Servers** – Darlene Stuckle, Rosella Dingman

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### **7:00 – 7:15**

Opening, devotions, and instruction - Sanctuary

### **7:20 – 7:40**

Worship: liturgist, lector, Communion Assistant, etc. – Sanctuary

Dwelling in the Word: education, devotionals, church/home connection projects, etc. – GHI

Care for Space: property, Willing Workers, technology, etc. – GHII

### **7:45 – 8:05**

Creative Arts: music, drama, art, altar guild, photography, sewing, etc – Café

Prayer: prayer teams, prayer chain, weekly prayer, etc. – Chapel

Communications: brochures, Facebook, publicity, etc. – GH II

### **8:10 – 8:30**

Care for Neighbor: LWR, social needs, outreach, etc. – Gathering Hall

Youth and Children: youth group activities, Grace Kids Care, etc. – GH I

### **8:35 – 8:55**

Care for Community: hospitality, fellowship, visits, Stephen Ministry, mailings, etc. – GH II

Care for Creation: gardening, green team, etc. - Cafe

### **From the Companion Church Committee**

Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful support, as well as financial, for our Companionship. We raised over \$3000, which means we currently have about one third of the funds needed to bring four people to Des Moines from Msindo and Mararo, Tanzania. Our focus for this trip is agriculture, to support and expand the Dairy Project. We will share our common love of the land and see how our goals and lives are similar and different.

The Bible says to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, but it is difficult to do if we do not communicate and get to know one another. Visits are an important part of our relationship. Our assignment from the Bishops is not to convert or be missionaries to our Lutheran Brethren in Africa, but to learn from each other and grow together in our faith. Many of our roots and values are similar because of our churches and closeness to the earth.

Our next fundraising activity is a garage sale to be held during the Neighborhood Garage Sale at Karen and Randy Taylor's house, on May 18 and 19. It is after the Plant Sale and Church Garage Sale. There will be different things available than at the Church Garage Sale. If you have any contributions, please let Karen know. You are welcome to attend, shop, contribute, or help.

Please consider how your organization can support the Companionship in your own way, such as pray for our companions on a regular basis, write letters to students to let them practice English, or do something which may or may not be connected to the activities of your circle, organization, or committee. We are all a part of the family of Jesus and part of the Companionship.